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1. The three largest manufacturers of sporting guns and rifles in Suhl are:

C. G. Haenel, GmbH
J. P. Sauer und Sohn
Gustloff-Werke (formerly Simson & Co.)

Their present production amounts to 4,000 sporting guns and rifles per month. The entire production goes to the Russians or is exported by them.

2. The above firms are also manufacturing 8,000 machine pistols per month. All of this production goes to the Russians. All large lathes have been removed from these plants.

3. The remaining gunsmiths in Suhl number approximately twenty-five: these include:

Schmidt & Habermann
Thieme & Schlegelmilch
Christoph Funk

The total output of those firms amounts to approximately 1,500 sporting guns and rifles per month. Their output of automatic weapons is infinitesimal. Those firms which have retained lathes are manufacturing small parts for these weapons.

4. Approximately one-third of the present production of the Suhl small arms industry is devoted to sporting weapons, the remainder to War material.

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